

COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 5683, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BORDER SUPPORT SERVICES CONTRACTS REVIEW ACT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 5683, the Department of Homeland Security Border Support Services Contracts Review Act. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the Committee report filing.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, March 1, 2022.

Hon. BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5683, the Department of Homeland Security Border Support Services Contracts Review Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Lindsay Wylie.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 5683, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BORDER SUPPORT SERVICES CONTRACTS REVIEW ACT—JANUARY 21, 2022

[By fiscal year, millions of dollars]

	2022	2022–2026	2022–2031
Direct Spending (Outlays) ..	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (–) ..			
in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	6	**

* = between zero and \$500,000.

** = not estimated.

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032? No.

No Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.

Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 5683 would require the Under Secretary for Management at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to report to the Congress within 180 days of enactment on the department's active contracts that relate to U.S.-Mexico border security and that are above \$50 million. The report would need to include an assessment of whether contract personnel are necessary to fulfill the department's mission on the U.S.-Mexico land border and a strategy to improve the effectiveness of such contracts. The bill also would require DHS to submit a plan to implement the strategy and brief the Congress every six months until the plan has been implemented.

Using information from DHS, CBO expects that the department would need about \$2 million in contractor support and seven employees to produce the report and about twice as many employees to implement the strategy for two to three years after it is finalized. On that basis, and assuming the bill is enacted near the end of fiscal year 2022, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5683 would cost approximately \$6 million over the

2022–2026 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Lindsay Wylie. The estimate was reviewed by Leo Lex, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

HONORING MICHAEL VOGEL

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Vogel, who recently retired after coaching volleyball for thirty-one years at Hempfield High School in Landisville, Pennsylvania. Mike's time as coach was nothing short of incredible, with a list of records and championship wins to prove it. Just to name a few, he led Hempfield's girls' volleyball team to win five District 3 Class 3A titles and two state championships while also leading the boys' volleyball team to take seven PIAA–3A state titles and fifteen District 3 Class 3A crowns. As coach of Hempfield's boys' volleyball team for twenty-four years, the team had a record of 1,106–94, an astounding feat. These accomplishments demonstrate the immense dedication that Mike showed to Hempfield High School and the many players he coached over the years. He taught them the value of sportsmanship and hard work, lessons that will last a lifetime. And for that, everyone across our community should be thankful for Mike.

I wish Mike a restful and well-deserved retirement and hope that the next volleyball coach at Hempfield High School will be able to meet the high bar that Mike set.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, in the first session of the 117th Congress, I missed votes on Roll Call numbers 262, 324, and 386. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call 262, YEA on Roll Call 324, and NAY on Roll Call 386.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF REVEREND DAVE WASHINGTON, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Reverend Dave Washington, Jr.

Reverend Washington began his formal education at Druid High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He accepted a football scholarship to attend Alcorn State University, where he graduated with a degree in Chemistry. He later received a Master's Degree in Education Administration from Jackson State University.

Reverend Washington spent 11 years as a NFL Pro Football Player for the Denver Broncos, Buffalo Bills, and San Francisco 49ers. At the age of 25, and while still playing in the NFL, Dave became a real estate developer. He designed and built a middle-class residential subdivision in Port Gibson, MS, which he named Trace Hills. Upon his retirement from the NFL in 1981, he served under the administration of Governor William Winters before taking on the Directorship of the Farish Street YMCA, where he developed the city's largest little league football program.

For all the lives Reverend Washington has touched, his legacy will continue in our hearts and in our interactions with colleagues, friends, and family. He was truly a dedicated man, husband, father, friend, and educator. Reverend Washington, Jr. will forever be remembered for his business acumen and passion for education, sports, mentoring, and entrepreneurship was a catalyst to many of the worthy endeavors for which he was involved. He was one who truly used his platform to leverage opportunities for others. He conceived and produced youth programs such as the HIS Ranch Youth Summer Program, the 12+2 Men's Youth Program, the annual Scholarship 3-Point Slam Dunk Contest, the Canton Peace Rally and Golf Classic, and his crowning charitable achievement, "Super Bowl Super Kids Super Sunday", which was a precursor program to the modern-day NFL Experience. His exceptional life of unyielding faith, devotion to family and the greater good will be cherished by his high school sweetheart of 51 years, Dianne Williams and his four children.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Reverend Dave Washington, Jr. for his dedication and tenacity to serving his community and desire to be an example for all.

HONORING BENJAMIN M. PULEX

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor an extraordinary young man, Benjamin M. Pulex, who was taken too soon. I include in the RECORD his family's loving tribute.

Benjamin M. Pulex died at the age of 18 on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at his Skokie home with family at his side. Benjamin was born June 9, 2003, in Evanston, IL to devoted parents Magnolia Rivera-Pulex and Cesar Pulex. Benjamin grew up in a home filled with deep love and encouragement alongside his sister, Camila Pulex. Together the family prioritized values like love, respect, and gratitude. These values were often cultivated by regular family trips that fostered a sense of curiosity and stewardship for the environment and ocean life, while also turning Benjamin into a well-seasoned traveler. His annual trips to visit his family in Long Beach, California led to some of his greatest experiences and memories, especially alongside his cousin Angelo Pulex.

Benjamin graduated from Niles North High School (Class of 2021) with a group of amazing, long-time friends. Benjamin and his friends enjoyed soccer scrimmaging, playing video games, and eating out at local restaurants. Together (with support from Benjamin's father) they also founded a local soccer team, the Skokie United Futbol Team HS21.